

REMARKS

Bracketed cross referencing indicators such as "[10,12]" were included in the annotated versions of the claims as filed with the response of 8-18-03. In a telephone conversation with Applicants' representative (identified below) on 12-09-03 the Examiner indicated that it would suffice as a response to the Office Communication of 12/03/03 to resubmit just the annotated section with the bracketed cross referencing indicators (such as "[10,12]") taken out. This is done here. The bracketed cross referencing indicators appeared in Claims 1, 19, 29, 41-44, 46, 53-58.

Request for Entry, Examination and Allowance

Entry and examination are respectfully requested for the amended application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2257 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time and/or fee for additional claims, which may be required. If any extension of time is deemed necessary to keep the application pending, it is hereby requested.

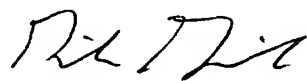
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